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Tampa, Florida

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TAMPA BAY SECURITY ZONES

This Port Community Information Bulletin (PCIB) is to inform owners and operators of vessels and facilities that the Coast Guard needs your help to improve our collective Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and a Common Operating Picture within the waters of Tampa Bay. Existing regulations require persons and vessels to notify the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP), Tampa and request authorization to enter, transit or work within any security zone. Recent incidents in which non-traditional utility vessels have been identified within security zones without prior COTP authorization underscore the importance of compliance with established regulations in order to mitigate the potential of a *transportation security incident*. Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Part 165.760 describes fixed security zones within Tampa Bay including the Port of Tampa, Port of Saint Petersburg, Port Manatee, Rattlesnake, Old Port Tampa, Big Bend, Weedon Island and the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

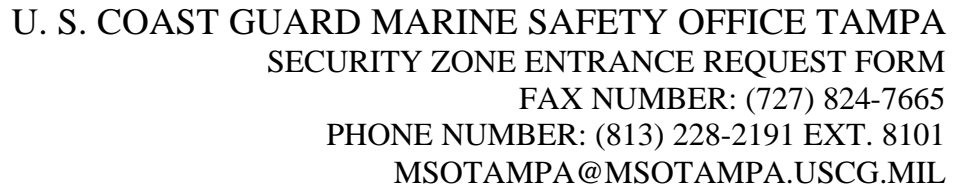
Commercial and recreational vessel entry into security zones is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP, Tampa or their designated representative. Vessels subject to 33 CFR Part 160, Subpart C applicability (Notification of Arrival) are not required to submit separate requests for permission to enter, transit or remain in a security zone. Receipt of a COTP control number for port entry serves as authorization for vessel movement and operations within a security zone. All other persons and vessels desiring to transit or operate within a security zone must contact the COTP either by fax at 727-824-7665, or by telephone at 813-228-2189/91, extension 8101. Additionally, vessel operators may contact the Coast Guard on VHF channel 16 to request authorization. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the COTP or their designated representative.

In order to facilitate the review and authorization process of vessels desiring access to security zones please use the *Security Zone Entrance Request Form* (Enclosure 1) attached to this PCIB. All requests must include the minimum information included on this form and be submitted to the COTP for review well in advance of the proposed transit and operation. It is imperative that timely, effective notifications are made to avoid possible civil and/or criminal penalties.

I urge you to continue to report suspicious activity and unauthorized vessels by dialing 911 immediately. Your support and diligence will continue to improve MDA as well as the Safety and Security of Tampa Bay and our port facilities. Questions regarding this PCIB may be directed to Lieutenant Nelson Santiago of my staff at (813) 228-2191, Ext. 8122.

J. M. FARLEY
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port

Encl: Security Zone Entrance Request Form



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